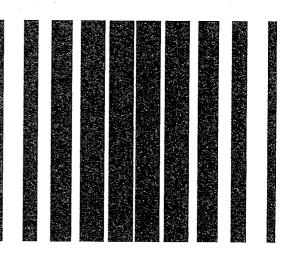
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## **Workshop Purpose**

As we move into the 21st century, the nation is focusing its efforts on the development of reliable self-sustaining systems for delivering, collecting and reusing our urban water resources. The long-term goal, in most cases, is the evolution of our existing water and wastewater infrastructure into efficient systems for water delivery, wastewater collection, and water reuse. As our metropolitan areas grow, we face daily decisions on expanding existing systems or creating innovative and decentralized new systems. In trying to resolve these infrastructure challenges, we need to understand the successes and mistakes of the past and incorporate cutting-edge innovations with an eye toward future needs.

This workshop will take a brief retrospective look at our existing urban water resources infrastructure, highlight innovative approaches to current infrastructure problems, and most important, introduce visionary thoughts on and designs for systems of the future. A secondary purpose is to challenge workshop participants to "think outside the box," discussing the potential of the ideas introduced, and debating the technical and institutional issues in sustaining our future urban water resources infrastructure.

#### Who Should Attend

Municipal water resources managers and providers; federal, state and local environmental decision-makers; academic researchers; environmental activists; and engineering consultants.

# The Program

The 2-day workshop will present three distinct, in-depth visions of innovative solutions to urban water resource infrastructure management and design challenges. In addition, there will be selected technical presentations on current trends in the field of infrastructure operation and construction. Throughout the workshop, participants will be encouraged to debate and provoke discussion on issues raised by the presenters and other members of the audience through question and answer sessions, panel discussions, breaks, lunches, and a reception. In addition, there will be a field trip to sites in the Austin area that will allow participants to see demonstrations and applications of innovative systems.

# **Preliminary Agenda**

2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August	24 1999
7:30-8:30 a.m.	
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Overview of Workshop
İ	Dan Murray, U.S. EPA-ORD- NRMRL
8:45 a.m.	Water 2010: Issues and Drivers Richard Pinkham, Rocky Mountain Institute
9:15 a.m.	Austin's Proactive Approach Toby Futrell, City of Austin
9:45 a.m.	Look to the Future from EPA's Office of Water Bob Lee, U.S. EPA-OWM
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Vision of the Future #1 Bruce Beck, Warnell School of Forests, University of Georgia
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Low Impact Development Larry Coffman, MD Dept. of Environmental Resources
2:15 p.m.	Aquifer Storage Recovery  R. David Pyne, CH2M Hill

Break

3:15 p.m.

Vision of the Future #2

Damann Anderson

Richard Otis, Ayers Associates

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn/Reception

# Wednesday, August 25, 1999

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration

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Flow Monitoring and System Control

Gary Skipper, MGD Technologies

9:00 a.m.

Trenchless Infrastructure Systems

Raymond Sterling, Center for Trenchless Technology, Louisiana Tech University

9:30 a.m.

New Designs for Urban

Watersheds

Andy Lipkis, TreePeople

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Vision of the Future #3

Neil Grigg, University of Colorado

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Our Water Resources

Infrastructure: How We Got Here

and Where We are Going

David Venhuizen, P.E.

2:15 p.m.

Future Challenges

Richard Pinkham

2:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion-

Future Directions 3

Vision Groups

4:00 p.m.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

#### Thursday, August 26, 1999

8:30 a.m.

Field Trip

A field trip will be conducted to several sites in the Austin area. These sites will likely include Austin's new training facility for natural treatment and sand filter systems; research facilities at the University of Texas for studying runoff treatment; and a stormwater wetland treatment system. It is expected that the field trip will end by midafternoon.

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There is no cost for attending this workshop. Attendance will be limited, so early registration is encouraged.

### For More Information

For information regarding workshop registration or program details or hotel accommodations visit EPA's *Technology Transfer Highlights* website at www.epa.gov/ttbnrmrl or call (703) 645-6945.

## **Hotel Information**

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

The Driskill Hotel 601 Brazos St., Austin, TX 78701 (800) 252-9367 (for reservations)

A limited number of government rate guest rooms are available. ID is required at check-in.

The Workshop guest room rate is \$135 per night plus tax.

Hotel Registration Cut-off Date: July 31, 1999. (Rooms may not be available at the Workshop rate after this date.)